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Docket No. R97-1

RESPONSE OF UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
TO INTERROGATORY OF
DOUGLAS F. CARLSON
(DFC/USPS-5)

The United States Postal Service hereby provides the response to the following interrogatory of Douglas F. Carlson: DFC/USPS-5, filed on September 18, 1997. Objections to interrogatories DFC/USPS-3-4 were filed on September 26, 1997. Interrogatory DFC/USPS-6 was redirected to witness Patelunas.

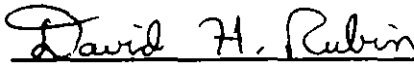
The interrogatory is stated verbatim and is followed by the response.

Respectfully submitted,

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DFC/USPS-5.

a. Were the size, shape, texture, thickness, paper stock, and any other relevant characteristics of stamped cards selected or designed with the goal of optimizing, maximizing, increasing, or otherwise improving the automation compatibility of stamped cards? Please explain your answer fully.


b. Please provide an explanation of, and all documents relating to, all reviews, analyses, or studies that have been conducted to assess, evaluate, or improve the automation compatibility of stamped cards.

RESPONSE:

- a. No. The Postal Service is not aware that any of the stamped card characteristics to which you refer are related to improving the automation compatibility of stamped cards. In fact, postal cards were around, with their current characteristics, long before the Postal Service automated its mail processing operations. Instead, stamped cards were designed primarily for ease of use by postal customers.
- b. No responsive reviews, analyses, or studies have been identified.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing document upon all participants of record in this proceeding in accordance with section 12 of the Rules of Practice.


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